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GUILTY PLEAS ENTERED IN AUSTIN BROTHEL CASE

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that Juan Balderas-Orosco and Mohammad Arami (aka "Mo") pleaded guilty this morning to charges in connection with the operation of an Austin, Texas, brothel.

Appearing before United States Magistrate Judge Robert Pitman in Austin, Balderas-Orosco pleaded guilty to one count each of interstate transportation for prostitution, conspiracy to smuggle, transport and harbor illegal aliens for financial gain and harboring aliens for prostitution.

Arami pleaded guilty to one count of money laundering. As part of his plea agreement, Arami agreed to forfeit his residence—the location of the brothel operation—at 9807 FM Road 969.

Last Friday, six co-defendants, including Francisco Castillo-Celaya, David Mendoza-Magana, Miguel Magdaleno-Gomez, Juan Magdaleno-Gomez, Israel Lozano-Martinez, and Jose Ceden-Zetina (aka "Antonio Ceden-Zetina") pleaded guilty to various charges relating to the Austin brothel operation.

Maria Camacho-Teran (aka "Sandra") remains in custody following her arrest at Hartsfield-Jackson airport in Atlanta, Georgia, after arriving on a flight from Venezuela. She is scheduled for jury selection and trial on March 12, 2007.

Bertha Jiminez (aka "Norma"), Cecilia Maria Roberson (aka "Maria Perez" and "Lila") and Emilio Castillo-Celaya remain fugitives in this case.

This case is an ongoing investigation of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation Division together with assistance from local law enforcement. The case is being prosecuted on behalf of the government by Assistant United States Attorney Gerald Carruth.

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